

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



SENATOR JOE THOMAS

Senate Bill 215:

"An Act requiring the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation to construct a natural gas pipeline to deliver Cook Inlet natural gas to Fairbanks and other communities between Cook Inlet and Fairbanks that do not have access to a natural gas pipeline."

For the last forty years, Alaskans have been waiting for a gasline while our gas on the North Slope and in Cook Inlet remains sequestered in the regions where they were discovered. Senate Bill 215 changes this trend and makes Alaska's resources available to more Alaskans by proposing to build a natural gas pipeline from Cook Inlet to Fairbanks.

SB 215 charges the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation to build the fastest, lowest cost and most economic gasline to deliver Cook Inlet gas supplies to market in the Interior.

This bill takes advantage of work already done by the AGDC on the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline and the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority while working on the Beluga to Fairbanks gasline. Those organizations have already evaluated many of the important initial steps necessary for any pipeline, including location of access points and resources along the route. With rights-of-way established, tariffs estimated and much of the planning and feasibility studies completed along both the Richardson and Parks Highways, SB 215 would deliver pipeline gas to the Interior faster than any other option on the table today.

With the cost of fuel hovering around four dollars per gallon in Fairbanks and even higher in many other communities in the Interior, sustainable and affordable delivery of natural gas could lower the cost of home heating by 66% or more. Additionally, by enhancing the marketability and distribution of Cook Inlet gas, SB 215 will help improve the economics of gas development in Cook Inlet and augment the reliability and lower the cost of gas to current Southcentral customers.

Alaskans have been waiting far too long for a gasline. I urge you to join me in supporting Senate Bill 215 to deliver Alaska's resources to Alaskans.

SENATE BILL NO. 215

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATORS THOMAS, Paskvan, Ellis, Wielechowski, French

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Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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2 **gas pipeline to deliver Cook Inlet natural gas to Fairbanks and other communities**
3 **between Cook Inlet and Fairbanks that do not have access to a natural gas pipeline."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 *** Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is intent of the legislature that the amendment to
8 AS 18.56.086 in sec. 2 of this Act require the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, a
9 corporation created under AS 18.56.086, to construct a natural gas pipeline to deliver Cook
10 Inlet natural gas to Fairbanks and other communities between Cook Inlet and Fairbanks that
11 do not have access to a natural gas pipeline, as the first step in the development of an in-state
12 natural gas pipeline.

13 *** Sec. 2.** AS 18.56.086 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

14 (b) The Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, a subsidiary created under

- 1 this section shall plan, construct, and finance a natural gas pipeline to deliver natural
- 2 gas from Cook Inlet to Fairbanks and to communities between Cook Inlet and
- 3 Fairbanks that do not have access to a natural gas pipeline.